GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BILINGUAL CORRESPONDENCE
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued any instruction to correspond bilingual;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Offices/Departments wherein bilingual computers have been set up;

(c) the approximate percentage of letters whose response is given in Hindi through the computers installed in various Departments under his Ministry;

(d) whether the Government have taken/propose to take any steps to correspond only in Hindi while making official correspondence with Hindi dominating areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The relevant instructions are there in the Rules 3 and 4 of the Official Languages (Use for Official Purposes of the Union) Rules, 1976 (as amended, 1987). The Department of Official Language sets targets by making an Annual Programme in compliance of the instructions in the Official Language Resolution, 1967 (notified on 18th January, 1968) passed by the Parliament.In the programme a target of bilingual working capability to be made available in all electronic equipment is fixed. Against this, achievement is shown in the Annual Assessment Report 1999-2000, which was placed on the table of Lok Sabha on 16.04.2002.

(c): This information cannot be collected as it is not maintained.

(d) & (e): In the Annual Programme for transacting the official work of the Union in Hindi, issued annually,targets have been fixed for Central Government offices situated in Hindi speaking regions (Region `A`) for doing 100% official correspondence in Hindi among themselves.